SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that the cost of living index varies for different places in the Madras State itself and in view of the fact that the cost of living index in Kozhikode is 440 when it is only 327 for Madras, will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be kind enough to consider the advisability of increasing the dearness allowance given to Government servants in Malabar, especially at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, local factory payments may be adjusted like that, but it is impossible that the Government Budgets can be altered in that way from place to place."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Sir, in view of the very heavy expenditure incurred by Government by way of establishment and other charges, have the Government fixed any work-loads for these categories of staff? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there is a kind of work-load also. If the hon. Member will look into the Secretariat practice, he will find it."

Shifting of the Subdivisional Magistrate's Court, Kavali.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI K. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether any representation was recently received from the pleaders of Kandukur for the shifting of the Subdivisional Magistrate's Court, Kavali, to Kandukur and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No such representation has been received."

SRI K. SHANMUGAM :—" Sir, as it is difficult for the people of Kandukur to go to Kavali to attend the court, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to instruct the Kavali Magistrate to go to Kandukur now and then to enquire into cases? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" That is a separate matter, Sir."

Memorandum regarding transport employees from the Malabar Motor Employee's Union, Cannanore.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum regarding the demands of the transport employees from the Malabar Motor Employees' Union, Cannanore, on 4th July 1952; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The memorandum was forwarded to the Commissioner of Labour for enquiry and report. He has now reported that the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, held conciliation proceedings

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and brought about an amicable settlement in respect of four motor transport companies and that he is trying conciliation in respect of the remaining seven companies and will send his report to the Government in due course."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received recently any representation from the Malabar Motor Employees' Union regarding the retrenchment of certain employees of M.S. and M.M.P.C. Company, Cannanore? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not quite sure, Sir, but I take it that the hon. Member has given the information to me."

Subordinate Judge's Court for Kasargode.

* 185 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representation from the public of Kasargode taluk to open a Subordinate Judge's Court at Kasargode (South Kanara district) ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The matter is under correspondence with the High Court, Madras."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, in view of the hardship caused to the litigant public, may I know whether the Government would expedite the matter? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, it is pending with the High Court and the Government have again asked them to send the report early."

* 186 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the importance of the question, I would request the Hon. Speaker that the question may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, the question will be taken up tomorrow."

Transfers of Medical Officers.

* 187 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the State has been divided into regions for the purpose of transfers of Medical Officers, such as Sub-Assistant Surgeons or District Medical Officers and whether their transfers are limited to their respective regions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."